GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ROAD ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons lost their lives in road accidents and the number of those who were injured during the last two years in the country;

(b) the extent to which the worn out condition of roads and vehicles are responsible for these accidents; and

(c) the details of the suggstions made by Dr. P.S. Pasricha Committee to reduce the number of these accidents and deaths ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a): As per information received from State Governments, the number of persons killed and injured in road accidents during the last two years is given below :

YEAR	PERSONS KILLED	PERSONS INJURED
1999	80206 (P)	371850 (P)
2000	76070 (P)	393288 (P)

P = Provisional

(b): As per assessment of the Ministry, bad roads and mechanical faults in vehicles were responsible in the year 1998 for around 1.1% and 3% respectively of the total number of road accidents in the country.

(c): Some of the major suggestions given by Dr. P.S. Pasricha Committee to reduce the number of these accidents and deaths are given below :

i) Standardization of traffic destination boards, traffic pattern and road layouts, etc.

ii) Modifications/changes in Motor Vehicles Act,1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules,1989.

iii) Making traffic education an integral part of the school curriculum.

iv) Encouragement to NGOs and associating them with road safety process.

v) Constitution of Road Safety Cell in every dist./range under the charge of the district.
vi) To improve the Driving License System.

vii) To set up a Trauma Care Centre at every 50 km. of National Highways.

viii) Setting up an `All India Road Safety Research Centre`.

ix) Enhancement of penalty for traffic offence.

x) Removing liquor shops from the National Highways

xi) Establishing Traffic Aid Posts at every 50km. along the National Highways and every 100 km. along the State Highways.

xii) Removing Encroachment on Roads.

xiii) Fitting reflectors on rural vehicles.

xiv) Providing Highway Amenities, etc.